

# H.Res. 553 - Mourning the passing of former First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson, and celebrating her life and contributions to the people of the United States

#### Floor Situation

H.Res. 553 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) on July 17, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on House Oversight and Government Reform and was reported by voice vote.

H.Res. 553 is expected to be considered on the floor on July 23, 2007.

### Summary

This legislation mourns the passing of former First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson, and celebrates her life and contributions to the people of the United States.

#### Background

Lady Bird Johnson was married to our 36 President, Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ). The couple married on November 17, 1934, at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio, Texas.

Lady Bird Johnson passed away on July 11, 2007, at 94 years of age at her home in Austin, Texas. She was survived by her 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Lady Bird Johnson was awarded the Medal of Freedom in 1977 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 1988.

Through her efforts and concern with the environment, civil rights, children, and the poor, she helped to expand the role of the First Lady. She was also instrumental in helping to pass the Head Start program which helps assist children in the earliest stages of education and development.

#### Cost

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not yet scored this legislation.

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